

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 421**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Ellen's Law		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 421 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 16-3-645, entitled "Ellen's Law". The Bill would require the court to prepare a written finding of fact concerning a person's prior criminal sexual conduct convictions before releasing the person on bond or the suspension of a sentence for criminal sexual conduct. The Bill also requires that a physiological evaluation of a person, who has a prior record of criminal sexual conduct, be preformed before the person is released.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Judicial Department and Department of Correction

The Departments indicate there will be minimal fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed at the current level of funding.

Department of Mental Health

The Department indicates there will be no fiscal impact to the General Fund of the State, nor on Federal and/or Other Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

A survey of local governments is being conducted. A response will be forwarded upon receipt and review.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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